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FOREIGN NEWS ON CITRUS FRUIT

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REDUCTION IN GRAPEFRUIT EXPORTS FROM THE ISLE OF PINES

The hurricane in the Isle of Pines of last October affecting injury to groves, followed by a period of inadequate rainfall extending from November to July, has so reduced the quantity of growing grapefruit that the estimated total production of the 1927-28 season, extending from August to May or June, inclusive, is fewer than 100,000 boxes, less than 50 per cent of the average of the past five crop years, according to a report received in the Department of Agriculture from Vice Consul Talbott at Nueva Gerona.

In order to take advantage of the higher prices usually prevailing prior to the arrival of the Florida fruit on the northern markets, the Island's grove owners endeavor to have the bulk of their crop on the way to the North before October, but maturity has been retarded to such an extent by the conditions mentioned, that shipments before that date will probably aggregate less than 25,000 crates.

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